

LAST EDITION.

GUESTS IN A PANIC

Eastern Hotel Boarders Routed from Their Beds by Fire.

Prof. Laffin, the Athlete, Flees in Silk Hat and Trousers.

**Flames Confined to the Barroom
After Doing \$25,000 Damage.**

room of the Eastern Hotel, at Whitehall and South streets, at 2 o'clock this morning.

Howard, who was coming home from uptown. Just as he stepped from a Broadway car he saw a volume of smoke, followed by a sheet of flame, bursting through one of the windows.

Night Watchman George Van Arsdale, a descendant of the Revolutionary hero

hearing Howard's yells and smelling smoke, quickly turned in an alarm and aroused the 150 odd guests by shouting and pounding at every door in the house.

TIME. ingly no avenue of escape. He took to the fire-escape, however, and, although crippled with rheumatism, he soon landed in the street, with only a few



Illustration of a person climbing a ladder, likely representing the 'Climbing' step of the process.



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was that of John M. Laffin, the celebrated professor of the manly art, who enjoys the distinction of having been the first man that ever faced John I.

From Lamin has just arrived from Florida by steamer, and was enjoying a good sound sleep. He dreamed that he was still aboard ship and that she was

say what would re-intention ahead as mate was

blancend faces, the Captain was giving orders in a most dismal voice, and my fellow-passengers all seemed to anticipate that something frightful was going

"I was still half asleep and dazed, and did not yet quite comprehend where I

amended. I voted, ex-
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into the street.

"As soon as I recovered my presence of mind I found that my toilet had been made without reference to comfort or decorum. I had on only my 'stove-

ordinarily; however, the fire was soon extinguished, and, as it had been kept confined to the barroom and very little damage done to the floor above it, I was not kept shivering long on the street and soon returned to continue

He is thoroughly conversant with several languages and has made a number of hits as an actor. He once played the part of Charles, the Wrestler, in "As You Like It," with Rose Coghlan's

than nine during the fire by way of the fire-escapes. The other guests reached the street by a stairway on the South street side.

The origin of the fire is very mysterious. Beyond the fact that it must have

The damage to the fixtures and appurtenances of the barroom will be about \$25,000. The painting and decorations on the ceiling alone cost \$40,000. Every-

The only person who was seriously injured by the fire is George Hogan, who is employed in the restaurant of the hotel. His face and neck were singed
